

Tridell-Lapoint Water Improvement District

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 9, 2022

Minutes of the Tridell-Lapoint Water Improvement District Board of Trustees meeting held May 9, 2022 at the Tridell-Lapoint Water Improvement District Office. Those in attendance were: Chairman: Troy Hartle, Vice Chairman, Thane Goodrich, Scott Williams, and Ryan Goodrich, Trustees. Ron Wallace was excused. Employees: Manager/Treasurer: Isaac Hatch, Plant Operator: Dan Huber and Clerk/Secretary: Judi Huber. Aaron Averett and Curtis Shawcraft were present from Sunrise Engineering. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

The expenses were reviewed. Everything looks in order.

Scott moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 board meeting. Ryan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was no public input.

Isaac advised the board that Gene Angus had come in the office regarding the use of one connection for both a primary residence and a "guest house" which will be used only on occasion. His understanding was that about four years ago he came to a board meeting and was told that was permissible. There are no minutes supporting this. The board agreed that the existing connection, #155, could not accommodate another dwelling. Doing so would constitute a double connection.

The issue of purchase of Mosby water was discussed. Isaac has already talked with Chris and voiced our intent to purchase water. After some discussion the board agreed that it would be best to purchase the water. Ryan moved to approve the purchase of 50-acre feet of water from Mosby Irrigation. Thane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Isaac advised the board that despite the past efforts to straighten out Dan's 401(k) matching contributions, the district has still been failing to contribute the full 6%. It has now been set up correctly with Pelorus verifying that a full 6% is currently being shown as a benefit to Dan, and he is contributing 10% for the matching benefit. Ryan apologized to Dan for the ongoing issue with his 401(k) and moved to approve a one-time make-up payment of \$1,600.52. Thane seconded the motion. The motion carried. A check will be prepared and sent to URS with a breakdown of how to apply the funds.

The South End Project was discussed. Aaron provided a map showing plans A & B. Aaron met with the county attorney regarding using county right of ways. The attorney advised that they can only support surface rights and that if the tribe comes back and says the line is other than surface rights then they cannot back us. Therefore, we have a liability which we weren't expecting. The tribal business committee will not honor the county right of way on their lands. Allottee parcels are assigned to certain individuals and they have the right to assign to their descendants. There are a number of issues with

allottee parcels and the BIA now controls those parcels. The BIA process is much more detailed and expensive. There are over 7000 feet in tribal grounds and over 1400 feet in allottee/BIA grounds. The BIA process could result in an approval time of 1-3 years and approximately \$100,000.00 + in fees. According to the tribe, their process could result in an approval time of approximately 3 months and substantially less in fees. Emmett Duncan has advised us that they want this to move quickly and they will do their best to assist us in obtaining the necessary right of ways, etc. The board discussed the various options to avoid the allottee lands. It was decided that the district will follow Aaron's recommendations of pursuing option A with the Tribe for the tribal parcels but avoid the allottee parcels. Aaron will work on a draft letter and advise them of our intentions and hold them to the 3-month timeline which they originally indicated because of our time crunch with this project. Within 2-3 months we will know if the preferred and best option will work, but not be too far behind if we had to switch the alignment at this point. This provides for bidding in the fall.

Isaac advised the board that the Red Hills Cabinets/Dee & Candice Slaugh letter has been sent out by certified mail and we are waiting for any response. However, they do have until July 1, 2022 to remedy the double connection issue.

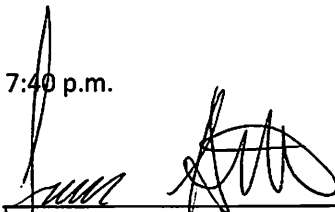
We are running low on main coagulant. The supplier is having an issue finding someone to provide trucking. We ordered a tote today which will be delivered next week. That will get us going for a few more weeks.

We've had 3 or 4 hydraulic models approved and will be putting in a few new connections in the near future.

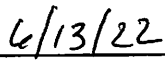
Thane moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



Chairman



Manager



Date